

Detours

LESSONS FROM JOSEPH

The Unpredictable Path
to Your Destiny

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Viewer Guides with Answers

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A detour is an unplanned, often unexpected, shift in the route we were taking to get to where we were trying to go.

Detours are determined by:

1. Disasters
2. Desire
3. Development

Your destiny is your divinely-designed reason for being.

Joseph was given the position of the firstborn.

Why does God not take us on a direct route from where we are to where He wants us to be?

1. To test us

A test in the Bible is an adverse circumstance that God causes or allows to take place in our lives to bring us to the next level of spiritual development.

2. To train us

Detours have a way of exposing you to things that you were unaware of previously for the purpose of training you.

3. To prepare us

In order for us to be tempted, it may come from Satan, but it must be allowed from God. Temptation proves whether you are ready for what God wants to give you.

Our destiny is all about keeping close proximity with God.

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You know you are on a detour when:

1. God allows the same thing to happen to you twice.

God confirms the truth and application of His Word through repetition of the same scenario.

2. You're suffering for being righteous.

3. God gives you glimpses of His presence even while your situation has not changed.

4. God gives you people to serve who are in the same situation you are.

Ministry during times of misery is critical.

5. God postpones your deliverance when you think you had one.

6. Sometimes you have to take by faith what you do not feel.

7. God delays until your development and your destiny connect.

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There is a time that God's Word to you is going to come to pass when the test is over.

Waiting on God means not going outside of God to resolve the issue.

The temptation in waiting is disobedience.

Waiting on God means worshiping while you wait.

Waiting on God means to hold on to Him.

God knows what He's doing, even when you think He's doing nothing.

God allows scenarios to take us further than we would be without it.

The longer we do not grow in the patience of biblical waiting, the longer it's going to take for God to take us right where He wants us to be.

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One of the great hindrances of getting where God wants us to go is the sin of unforgiveness.

Forgiveness is the decision to no longer credit and offense against the offender.

Don't mistake the hand of God for the hand of man.

Two kinds of forgiveness:

Unilateral forgiveness

Transactional forgiveness

Transactional forgiveness starts with a private meeting, not a public charade.

God has a bigger program than your problem.

Forgiveness does not only release the offender; forgiveness releases you.

Unforgiveness blocks what God wants to do for you.

Forgiveness is a beautiful word, until you have to give it.

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Extraordinary trials demand an extraordinary preparation because there is an extraordinary purpose.

It's time for your promotion when God does on your detour what you couldn't do that you tried to do during your detour.

Illumination is where God applies revelation to our specific situation.

Keep your eyes open for detours.

God does not limit Himself to human wisdom to get us where He wants us to go.

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You cannot have a sovereign God and luck.

Providence is God stitching things together to bring them to a purposeful end.

God's hand is the sovereign, providential hand guiding the steering wheel of history.

God has a divinely - ordained purpose for your life.

When God's agenda is working, God is glorified, people are helped, and you are blessed.

God is so much in control, He can use evil to achieve His goal.

When God releases you from your detour, you will pop up because God has purpose in the pain.